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Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 1999

Mr. SKEEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the

1 fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other pur-
2 poses, namely:

3 TITLE I

4 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

5 PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING

6 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary
9 of Agriculture, and not to exceed \$75,000 for employment
10 under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$2,836,000: *Provided*, That not to
11 exceed \$11,000 of this amount, along with any unobli-
12 gated balances of representation funds in the Foreign Ag-
13 ricultural Service, shall be available for official reception
14 and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for,
15 as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That
16 none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-
17 able by this Act may be used to pay the salaries and ex-
18 penses of personnel of the Department of Agriculture to
19 carry out section 793(c)(1)(C) of Public Law 104–127:
20 *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available
21 by this Act may be used to enforce section 793(d) of Pub-
22 lic Law 104–127.

1 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

2 CHIEF ECONOMIST

3 For necessary expenses of the Chief Economist, in-
4 cluding economic analysis, risk assessment, cost-benefit
5 analysis, energy and new uses, and the functions of the
6 World Agricultural Outlook Board, as authorized by the
7 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622g), and
8 including employment pursuant to the second sentence of
9 section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
10 2225), of which not to exceed \$5,000 is for employment
11 under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$5,620,000.

12 NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION

13 For necessary expenses of the National Appeals Divi-
14 sion, including employment pursuant to the second sen-
15 tence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7
16 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$25,000 is for em-
17 ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$11,718,000.

18 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

19 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and
20 Program Analysis, including employment pursuant to the
21 second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of
22 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$5,000 is
23 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$6,583,000.

24 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

25 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-
26 formation Officer, including employment pursuant to the

1 second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of
2 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$10,000
3 is for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$6,051,000.

4 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-
6 nancial Officer, including employment pursuant to the sec-
7 ond sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944
8 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$10,000 is for
9 employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$4,283,000.

10 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
11 ADMINISTRATION

12 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
13 the Assistant Secretary for Administration to carry out
14 the programs funded by this Act, \$613,000.

15 AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RENTAL
16 PAYMENTS

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

18 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-
19 ant to Public Law 92-313, including authorities pursuant
20 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-
21 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-
22 culture under 40 U.S.C. 486, for programs and activities
23 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for
24 the operation, maintenance, and repair of Agriculture
25 buildings, \$140,364,000: *Provided*, That in the event an
26 agency within the Department should require modification

1 of space needs, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer
2 a share of that agency's appropriation made available by
3 this Act to this appropriation, or may transfer a share
4 of this appropriation to that agency's appropriation, but
5 such transfers shall not exceed 5 percent of the funds
6 made available for space rental and related costs to or
7 from this account. In addition, for construction, repair,
8 improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed
9 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the pro-
10 grams of the Department, where not otherwise provided,
11 \$26,000,000, to remain available until expended; making
12 a total appropriation of \$166,364,000.

13 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-
16 culture, to comply with the requirement of section 107(g)
17 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Com-
18 pensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9607(g), and sec-
19 tion 6001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act,
20 42 U.S.C. 6961, \$15,700,000, to remain available until
21 expended: *Provided*, That appropriations and funds avail-
22 able herein to the Department for Hazardous Waste Man-
23 agement may be transferred to any agency of the Depart-
24 ment for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to
25 the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

1 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

3 For Departmental Administration, \$36,117,000, to
4 provide for necessary expenses for management support
5 services to offices of the Department and for general ad-
6 ministration and disaster management of the Department,
7 repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies
8 and expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for
9 the practical and efficient work of the Department, includ-
10 ing employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
11 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of
12 which not to exceed \$10,000 is for employment under 5
13 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be
14 reimbursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for
15 travel expenses incident to the holding of hearings as re-
16 quired by 5 U.S.C. 551–558.

17 OUTREACH FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS

18 For grants and contracts pursuant to section 2501
19 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of
20 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279), \$3,000,000, to remain available
21 until expended.

1 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
2 CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
5 the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to
6 carry out the programs funded by this Act, including pro-
7 grams involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison
8 within the executive branch, \$3,668,000: *Provided*, That
9 no other funds appropriated to the Department by this
10 Act shall be available to the Department for support of
11 activities of congressional relations: *Provided further*, That
12 not less than \$2,241,000 shall be transferred to agencies
13 funded by this Act to maintain personnel at the agency
14 level.

15 OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

16 For necessary expenses to carry on services relating
17 to the coordination of programs involving public affairs,
18 for the dissemination of agricultural information, and the
19 coordination of information, work, and programs author-
20 ized by Congress in the Department, \$8,138,000, includ-
21 ing employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
22 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of
23 which not to exceed \$10,000 shall be available for employ-
24 ment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, and not to exceed \$2,000,000
25 may be used for farmers' bulletins.

1 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

3 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector
4 General, including employment pursuant to the second
5 sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7
6 U.S.C. 2225), and the Inspector General Act of 1978,
7 \$65,128,000, including such sums as may be necessary for
8 contracting and other arrangements with public agencies
9 and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the In-
10 spector General Act of 1978, including not to exceed
11 \$50,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109; and includ-
12 ing not to exceed \$125,000 for certain confidential oper-
13 ational expenses, including the payment of informants, to
14 be expended under the direction of the Inspector General
15 pursuant to Public Law 95-452 and section 1337 of Pub-
16 lic Law 97-98.

17 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

18 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General
19 Counsel, \$29,194,000.

20 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,

21 EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS

22 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
23 the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Eco-
24 nomics to administer the laws enacted by the Congress
25 for the Economic Research Service, the National Agricul-

1 tural Statistics Service, the Agricultural Research Service,
2 and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Ex-
3 tension Service, \$940,000.

4 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

5 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research
6 Service in conducting economic research and analysis, as
7 authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7
8 U.S.C. 1621–1627) and other laws, \$70,266,000: *Pro-*
9 *vided*, That this appropriation shall be available for em-
10 ployment pursuant to the second sentence of section
11 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225).

12 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

13 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural
14 Statistics Service in conducting statistical reporting and
15 service work, including crop and livestock estimates, sta-
16 tistical coordination and improvements, marketing sur-
17 veys, and the Census of Agriculture, as authorized by 7
18 U.S.C. 1621–1627, Public Law 105–113, and other laws,
19 \$100,559,000, of which up to \$16,490,000 shall be avail-
20 able until expended for the Census of Agriculture: *Pro-*
21 *vided*, That this appropriation shall be available for em-
22 ployment pursuant to the second sentence of section
23 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and
24 not to exceed \$40,000 shall be available for employment
25 under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

1 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

2 For necessary expenses to enable the Agricultural Re-
3 search Service to perform agricultural research and dem-
4 onstration relating to production, utilization, marketing,
5 and distribution (not otherwise provided for); home eco-
6 nomics or nutrition and consumer use including the acqui-
7 sition, preservation, and dissemination of agricultural in-
8 formation; and for acquisition of lands by donation, ex-
9 change, or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,
10 and for land exchanges where the lands exchanged shall
11 be of equal value or shall be equalized by a payment of
12 money to the grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent
13 of the total value of the land or interests transferred out
14 of Federal ownership, \$836,381,000: *Provided*, That ap-
15 propriations hereunder shall be available for temporary
16 employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
17 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and
18 not to exceed \$115,000 shall be available for employment
19 under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That appropria-
20 tions hereunder shall be available for the operation and
21 maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed
22 one for replacement only: *Provided further*, That appro-
23 priations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7
24 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction, alteration, and repair
25 of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise pro-

1 vided, the cost of constructing any one building shall not
2 exceed \$250,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses
3 which shall each be limited to \$1,000,000, and except for
4 ten buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not
5 to exceed \$500,000 each, and the cost of altering any one
6 building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent
7 of the current replacement value of the building or
8 \$250,000, whichever is greater: *Provided further*, That the
9 limitations on alterations contained in this Act shall not
10 apply to modernization or replacement of existing facilities
11 at Beltsville, Maryland: *Provided further*, That appropria-
12 tions hereunder shall be available for granting easements
13 at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, including
14 an easement to the University of Maryland to construct
15 the Transgenic Animal Facility which upon completion
16 shall be accepted by the Secretary as a gift: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That the foregoing limitations shall not apply to re-
18 placement of buildings needed to carry out the Act of April
19 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): *Provided further*, That funds
20 may be received from any State, other political subdivi-
21 sion, organization, or individual for the purpose of estab-
22 lishing or operating any research facility or research
23 project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized
24 by law.

1 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall
2 be available to carry out research related to the produc-
3 tion, processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco prod-
4 ucts.

5 In fiscal year 2000, the agency is authorized to
6 charge fees, commensurate with the fair market value, for
7 any permit, easement, lease, or other special use author-
8 ization for the occupancy or use of land and facilities (in-
9 cluding land and facilities at the Beltsville Agricultural
10 Research Center) issued by the agency, as authorized by
11 law, and such fees shall be credited to this account and
12 shall remain available until expended for authorized pur-
13 poses.

14 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

15 For acquisition of land, construction, repair, improve-
16 ment, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equip-
17 ment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural
18 research programs of the Department of Agriculture,
19 where not otherwise provided, \$44,500,000, to remain
20 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): *Provided*, That
21 funds may be received from any State, other political sub-
22 division, organization, or individual for the purpose of es-
23 tablishing any research facility of the Agricultural Re-
24 search Service, as authorized by law.

1 COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND
2 EXTENSION SERVICE
3 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

4 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for
5 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and
6 for other expenses, including \$180,545,000 to carry into
7 effect the provisions of the Hatch Act (7 U.S.C. 361a–
8 i); \$21,932,000 for grants for cooperative forestry re-
9 search (16 U.S.C. 582a–a7); \$29,676,000 for payments
10 to the 1890 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee Uni-
11 versity (7 U.S.C. 3222); \$62,916,000 for special grants
12 for agricultural research (7 U.S.C. 450i(c)); \$15,048,000
13 for special grants for agricultural research on improved
14 pest control (7 U.S.C. 450i(c)); \$105,411,000 for competi-
15 tive research grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)); \$5,109,000 for
16 the support of animal health and disease programs (7
17 U.S.C. 3195); \$750,000 for supplemental and alternative
18 crops and products (7 U.S.C. 3319d); \$600,000 for grants
19 for research pursuant to the Critical Agricultural Mate-
20 rials Act of 1984 (7 U.S.C. 178) and section 1472 of the
21 Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3318), to
22 remain available until expended; \$3,000,000 for higher
23 education graduate fellowship grants (7 U.S.C.
24 3152(b)(6)), to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C.
25 2209b); \$4,350,000 for higher education challenge grants

1 (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(1)); \$1,000,000 for a higher education
2 multicultural scholars program (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(5)), to
3 remain available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b);
4 \$2,850,000 for an education grants program for Hispanic-
5 serving Institutions (7 U.S.C. 3241); \$500,000 for a sec-
6 ondary agriculture education program and two-year post-
7 secondary education (7 U.S.C. 3152 (h)); \$4,000,000 for
8 aquaculture grants (7 U.S.C. 3322); \$8,000,000 for sus-
9 tainable agriculture research and education (7 U.S.C.
10 5811); \$9,200,000 for a program of capacity building
11 grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(4)) to colleges eligible to receive
12 funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C. 321–
13 326 and 328), including Tuskegee University, to remain
14 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); \$1,552,000 for
15 payments to the 1994 Institutions pursuant to section
16 534(a)(1) of Public Law 103–382; and \$10,888,000 for
17 necessary expenses of Research and Education Activities,
18 of which not to exceed \$100,000 shall be for employment
19 under 5 U.S.C. 3109; in all, \$467,327,000.

20 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall
21 be available to carry out research related to the produc-
22 tion, processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco prod-
23 ucts.

1 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

2 For establishment of a Native American institutions
3 endowment fund, as authorized by Public Law 103–382
4 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), \$4,600,000.

5 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

6 Payments to States, the District of Columbia, Puerto
7 Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, Northern
8 Marianas, and American Samoa: for payments for cooper-
9 ative extension work under the Smith-Lever Act, to be dis-
10 tributed under sections 3(b) and 3(c) of said Act, and
11 under section 208(c) of Public Law 93–471, for retire-
12 ment and employees’ compensation costs for extension
13 agents and for costs of penalty mail for cooperative exten-
14 sion agents and State extension directors, \$276,548,000;
15 payments for extension work at the 1994 Institutions
16 under the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b)(3)),
17 \$2,060,000; payments for the nutrition and family edu-
18 cation program for low-income areas under section 3(d)
19 of the Act, \$58,695,000; payments for the pest manage-
20 ment program under section 3(d) of the Act, \$10,783,000;
21 payments for the farm safety program under section 3(d)
22 of the Act, \$3,000,000; payments for the pesticide impact
23 assessment program under section 3(d) of the Act,
24 \$3,214,000; payments to upgrade research, extension, and
25 teaching facilities at the 1890 land-grant colleges, includ-
26 ing Tuskegee University, as authorized by section 1447

1 of Public Law 95–113 (7 U.S.C. 3222b), \$8,426,000, to
2 remain available until expended; payments for the rural
3 development centers under section 3(d) of the Act,
4 \$908,000; payments for a groundwater quality program
5 under section 3(d) of the Act, \$9,561,000; payments for
6 youth-at-risk programs under section 3(d) of the Act,
7 \$9,000,000; payments for a food safety program under
8 section 3(d) of the Act, \$7,365,000; payments for carrying
9 out the provisions of the Renewable Resources Extension
10 Act of 1978, \$3,192,000; payments for Indian reservation
11 agents under section 3(d) of the Act, \$1,714,000; pay-
12 ments for sustainable agriculture programs under section
13 3(d) of the Act, \$3,309,000; payments for rural health
14 and safety education as authorized by section 2390 of
15 Public Law 101–624 (7 U.S.C. 2661 note, 2662),
16 \$2,628,000; payments for cooperative extension work by
17 the colleges receiving the benefits of the second Morrill
18 Act (7 U.S.C. 321–326 and 328) and Tuskegee Univer-
19 sity, \$25,843,000; and for Federal administration and co-
20 ordination including administration of the Smith-Lever
21 Act, and the Act of September 29, 1977 (7 U.S.C. 341–
22 349), and section 1361(c) of the Act of October 3, 1980
23 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), and to coordinate and provide pro-
24 gram leadership for the extension work of the Department
25 and the several States and insular possessions,

1 \$12,741,000; in all, \$438,987,000: *Provided*, That funds
2 hereby appropriated pursuant to section 3(c) of the Act
3 of June 26, 1953, and section 506 of the Act of June
4 23, 1972, shall not be paid to any State, the District of
5 Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, or the Virgin Islands, Mi-
6 cronesia, Northern Marianas, and American Samoa prior
7 to availability of an equal sum from non-Federal sources
8 for expenditure during the current fiscal year.

9
10 INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

10 For the integrated research, education, and extension
11 competitive grants programs, including necessary adminis-
12 trative expenses, \$10,000,000.

13 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING
14 AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

15 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
16 the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Pro-
17 grams to administer programs under the laws enacted by
18 the Congress for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
19 Service, the Agricultural Marketing Service, and the Grain
20 Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration,
21 \$618,000.

1 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, including
5 those pursuant to the Act of February 28, 1947 (21
6 U.S.C. 114b–c), necessary to prevent, control, and eradi-
7 cate pests and plant and animal diseases; to carry out in-
8 spection, quarantine, and regulatory activities; to dis-
9 charge the authorities of the Secretary of Agriculture
10 under the Act of March 2, 1931 (46 Stat. 1468; 7 U.S.C.
11 426–426b); and to protect the environment, as authorized
12 by law, \$444,000,000, of which \$4,105,000 shall be avail-
13 able for the control of outbreaks of insects, plant diseases,
14 animal diseases and for control of pest animals and birds
15 to the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions: *Pro-*
16 *vided*, That no funds shall be used to formulate or admin-
17 ister a brucellosis eradication program for the current fis-
18 cal year that does not require minimum matching by the
19 States of at least 40 percent: *Provided further*, That this
20 appropriation shall be available for field employment pur-
21 suant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-
22 ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed
23 \$40,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C.
24 3109: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be
25 available for the operation and maintenance of aircraft

1 and the purchase of not to exceed four, of which two shall
2 be for replacement only: *Provided further*, That, in addi-
3 tion, in emergencies which threaten any segment of the
4 agricultural production industry of this country, the Sec-
5 retary may transfer from other appropriations or funds
6 available to the agencies or corporations of the Depart-
7 ment such sums as may be deemed necessary, to be avail-
8 able only in such emergencies for the arrest and eradi-
9 cation of contagious or infectious disease or pests of ani-
10 mals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses in accordance
11 with the Act of February 28, 1947, and section 102 of
12 the Act of September 21, 1944, and any unexpended bal-
13 ances of funds transferred for such emergency purposes
14 in the next preceding fiscal year shall be merged with such
15 transferred amounts: *Provided further*, That appropria-
16 tions hereunder shall be available pursuant to law (7
17 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair and alteration of leased build-
18 ings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided the
19 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
20 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
21 value of the building.

22 In fiscal year 2000, the agency is authorized to collect
23 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-
24 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political
25 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,

1 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such
2 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such
3 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,
4 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such
5 fees shall be credited to this account, to remain available
6 until expended, without further appropriation, for pro-
7 viding such assistance, goods, or services.

8 Of the total amount available under this heading in
9 fiscal year 2000, \$87,000,000 shall be derived from user
10 fees deposited in the Agricultural Quarantine Inspection
11 User Fee Account.

12 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

13 For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-
14 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-
15 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as
16 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as
17 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 428a, \$7,200,000, to remain avail-
18 able until expended.

19 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

20 MARKETING SERVICES

21 For necessary expenses to carry on services related
22 to consumer protection, agricultural marketing and dis-
23 tribution, transportation, and regulatory programs, as au-
24 thorized by law, and for administration and coordination
25 of payments to States, including field employment pursu-

1 ant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-
2 ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225) and not to exceed
3 \$90,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109,
4 \$49,152,000, including funds for the wholesale market de-
5 velopment program for the design and development of
6 wholesale and farmer market facilities for the major met-
7 ropolitan areas of the country: *Provided*, That this appro-
8 priation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250)
9 for the alteration and repair of buildings and improve-
10 ments, but the cost of altering any one building during
11 the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current
12 replacement value of the building.

13 Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization
14 activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31
15 U.S.C. 9701).

16 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL

17 Not to exceed \$60,730,000 (from fees collected) shall
18 be obligated during the current fiscal year for administra-
19 tive expenses: *Provided*, That if crop size is understated
20 and/or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may
21 exceed this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification
22 to the Appropriations Committees.

1 FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND
2 SUPPLY (SECTION 32)
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-
5 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c) shall be used only for com-
6 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other
7 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the
8 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and
9 Wildlife Act of August 8, 1956; (2) transfers otherwise
10 provided in this Act; and (3) not more than \$12,443,000
11 for formulation and administration of marketing agree-
12 ments and orders pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing
13 Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural Act of 1961.

14 PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

15 For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus
16 and departments of markets, and similar agencies for
17 marketing activities under section 204(b) of the Agricul-
18 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)),
19 \$1,200,000.

20 GRAIN INSPECTION, PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS

21 ADMINISTRATION

22 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

23 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
24 of the United States Grain Standards Act, for the admin-
25 istration of the Packers and Stockyards Act, for certifying

1 procedures used to protect purchasers of farm products,
2 and the standardization activities related to grain under
3 the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, including field
4 employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
5 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and
6 not to exceed \$25,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C.
7 3109, \$26,448,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation
8 shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the
9 alteration and repair of buildings and improvements, but
10 the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
11 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
12 value of the building.

13 LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES
14 EXPENSES

15 Not to exceed \$42,557,000 (from fees collected) shall
16 be obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection
17 and weighing services: *Provided*, That if grain export ac-
18 tivities require additional supervision and oversight, or
19 other uncontrollable factors occur, this limitation may be
20 exceeded by up to 10 percent with notification to the Ap-
21 propriations Committees.

22 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

23 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
24 the Under Secretary for Food Safety to administer the
25 laws enacted by the Congress for the Food Safety and In-
26 spection Service, \$446,000.

1 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

2 For necessary expenses to carry out services author-
3 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry
4 Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection
5 Act, \$652,955,000, and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be
6 credited to this account from fees collected for the cost
7 of laboratory accreditation as authorized by section 1017
8 of Public Law 102–237: *Provided*, That this appropriation
9 shall not be available for shell egg surveillance under sec-
10 tion 5(d) of the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C.
11 1034(d)): *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall
12 be available for field employment pursuant to the second
13 sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7
14 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$75,000 shall be available
15 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*,
16 That this appropriation shall be available pursuant to law
17 (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and repair of buildings
18 and improvements, but the cost of altering any one build-
19 ing during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of
20 the current replacement value of the building.

21 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM AND

22 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

23 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
24 the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural
25 Services to administer the laws enacted by Congress for

1 the Farm Service Agency, the Foreign Agricultural Serv-
2 ice, the Risk Management Agency, and the Commodity
3 Credit Corporation, \$572,000.

4 FARM SERVICE AGENCY

5 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

7 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-
8 tration and implementation of programs administered by
9 the Farm Service Agency, \$794,839,000: *Provided*, That
10 the Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities,
11 and authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity
12 Credit Corporation to make program payments for all pro-
13 grams administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That
14 other funds made available to the Agency for authorized
15 activities may be advanced to and merged with this ac-
16 count: *Provided further*, That these funds shall be avail-
17 able for employment pursuant to the second sentence of
18 section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
19 2225), and not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall be available for
20 employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

21 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

22 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-
23 tural Credit Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 5101–5106),
24 \$4,000,000.

DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity payments to dairy farmers for milk or cows producing such milk and manufacturers of dairy products who have been directed to remove their milk or dairy products from commercial markets because it contained residues of chemicals registered and approved for use by the Federal Government, and in making indemnity payments for milk, or cows producing such milk, at a fair market value to any dairy farmer who is directed to remove his milk from commercial markets because of: (1) the presence of products of nuclear radiation or fallout if such contamination is not due to the fault of the farmer; or (2) residues of chemicals or toxic substances not included under the first sentence of the Act of August 13, 1968 (7 U.S.C. 450j), if such chemicals or toxic substances were not used in a manner contrary to applicable regulations or labeling instructions provided at the time of use and the contamination is not due to the fault of the farmer, \$450,000, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): *Provided*, That none of the funds contained in this Act shall be used to make indemnity payments to any farmer whose milk was removed from commercial markets as a result of the farmer's willful failure to follow procedures pre-

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For gross obligations for the principal amount of direct and guaranteed loans as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1928–1929, to be available from funds in the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund, as follows: farm ownership loans, \$559,422,000, of which \$431,373,000 shall be for guaranteed loans; operating loans, \$2,295,284,000, of which \$1,697,842,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans and \$97,442,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed loans; Indian tribe land acquisition loans as authorized by 25 U.S.C. 488, \$1,028,000; for emergency insured loans, \$53,000,000 to meet the needs resulting from natural disasters; and for boll weevil eradication program loans as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1989, \$100,000,000.

For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including the cost of modifying loans as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: farm

1 ownership loans, \$7,243,000, of which \$2,416,000 shall
2 be for guaranteed loans; operating loans, \$61,825,000, of
3 which \$23,940,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed
4 loans and \$8,585,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed
5 loans; Indian tribe land acquisition loans as authorized by
6 25 U.S.C. 488, \$21,000; and for emergency insured loans,
7 \$8,231,000 to meet the needs resulting from natural dis-
8 asters.

9 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
10 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
11 \$214,161,000, of which \$209,861,000 shall be transferred
12 to and merged with the appropriation for “Farm Service
13 Agency, Salaries and Expenses”.

14 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

15 For administrative and operating expenses, as au-
16 thorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Re-
17 form Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 6933), \$70,716,000: *Provided*,
18 That not to exceed \$700 shall be available for official re-
19 ception and representation expenses, as authorized by 7
20 U.S.C. 1506(i).

21 CORPORATIONS

22 The following corporations and agencies are hereby
23 authorized to make expenditures, within the limits of
24 funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-
25 poration or agency and in accord with law, and to make

1 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year
2 limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government
3 Corporation Control Act as may be necessary in carrying
4 out the programs set forth in the budget for the current
5 fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as here-
6 inafter provided.

7 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

8 For payments as authorized by section 516 of the
9 Federal Crop Insurance Act, such sums as may be nec-
10 essary, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C.
11 2209b).

12 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

13 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

14 For fiscal year 2000, such sums as may be necessary
15 to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for net
16 realized losses sustained, but not previously reimbursed
17 (estimated to be \$14,368,000,000 in the President's fiscal
18 year 2000 Budget Request (H. Doc. 106-3)), but not to
19 exceed \$14,368,000,000, pursuant to section 2 of the Act
20 of August 17, 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a-11).

21 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE
22 MANAGEMENT

23 For fiscal year 2000, the Commodity Credit Corpora-
24 tion shall not expend more than \$5,000,000 for expenses
25 to comply with the requirement of section 107(g) of the
26 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,

1 and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9607(g), and section 6001
2 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C.
3 6961: *Provided*, That expenses shall be for operations and
4 maintenance costs only and that other hazardous waste
5 management costs shall be paid for by the USDA Haz-
6 ardous Waste Management appropriation in this Act.

7 TITLE II

8 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

9 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR NATURAL

10 RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

11 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
12 the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environ-
13 ment to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for
14 the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conserva-
15 tion Service, \$693,000.

16 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

17 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

18 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-
19 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f),
20 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-
21 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including
22 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-
23 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary
24 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-
25 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-

tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of
soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,
water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials
program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal
cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August
3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 428a); purchase and erection or alter-
ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-
ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,
\$654,243,000, to remain available until expended (7
U.S.C. 2209b), of which not less than \$6,124,000 is for
snow survey and water forecasting and not less than
\$9,238,000 is for operation and establishment of the plant
materials centers: *Provided*, That appropriations here-
under shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for
construction and improvement of buildings and public im-
provements at plant materials centers, except that the cost
of alterations and improvements to other buildings and
other public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000: *Pro-*
vided further, That when buildings or other structures are
erected on non-Federal land, that the right to use such
land is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a: *Provided*
further, That this appropriation shall be available for tech-
nical assistance and related expenses to carry out pro-
grams authorized by section 202(c) of title II of the Colo-
rado River Basin Salinity Control Act of 1974 (43 U.S.C.

1 1592(c)): *Provided further*, That no part of this appropria-
 2 tion may be expended for soil and water conservation oper-
 3 ations under the Act of April 27, 1935 in demonstration
 4 projects: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be
 5 available for employment pursuant to the second sentence
 6 of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
 7 2225), and not to exceed \$25,000 shall be available for
 8 employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That
 9 qualified local engineers may be temporarily employed at
 10 per diem rates to perform the technical planning work of
 11 the Service (16 U.S.C. 590e-2).

12 WATERSHED SURVEYS AND PLANNING

13 For necessary expenses to conduct research, inves-
 14 tigation, and surveys of watersheds of rivers and other wa-
 15 terways, and for small watershed investigations and plan-
 16 ning, in accordance with the Watershed Protection and
 17 Flood Prevention Act approved August 4, 1954 (16 U.S.C.
 18 1001-1009), \$10,368,000: *Provided*, That this appropria-
 19 tion shall be available for employment pursuant to the sec-
 20 ond sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944
 21 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$110,000 shall be
 22 available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

23 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

24 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-
 25 ures, including but not limited to research, engineering op-

1 erations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation,
2 rehabilitation of existing works and changes in use of land,
3 in accordance with the Watershed Protection and Flood
4 Prevention Act approved August 4, 1954 (16 U.S.C.
5 1001–1005 and 1007–1009), the provisions of the Act of
6 April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f), and in accordance
7 with the provisions of laws relating to the activities of the
8 Department, \$99,443,000, to remain available until ex-
9 pended (7 U.S.C. 2209b) (of which up to \$15,000,000
10 may be available for the watersheds authorized under the
11 Flood Control Act approved June 22, 1936 (33 U.S.C.
12 701 and 16 U.S.C. 1006a)): *Provided*, That not to exceed
13 \$47,000,000 of this appropriation shall be available for
14 technical assistance: *Provided further*, That this appro-
15 priation shall be available for employment pursuant to the
16 second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of
17 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$200,000 shall
18 be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Pro-*
19 *vided further*, That not to exceed \$1,000,000 of this appro-
20 priation is available to carry out the purposes of the En-
21 dangered Species Act of 1973 (Public Law 93–205), in-
22 cluding cooperative efforts as contemplated by that Act
23 to relocate endangered or threatened species to other suit-
24 able habitats as may be necessary to expedite project con-
25 struction.

1 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

2 For necessary expenses in planning and carrying out
3 projects for resource conservation and development and
4 for sound land use pursuant to the provisions of section
5 32(e) of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act
6 (7 U.S.C. 1010–1011; 76 Stat. 607), the Act of April 27,
7 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f), and the Agriculture and Food
8 Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3451–3461), \$35,265,000, to re-
9 main available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): *Provided*,
10 That this appropriation shall be available for employment
11 pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the
12 Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed
13 \$50,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C.
14 3109.

15 TITLE III

16 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

17 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL
18 DEVELOPMENT

19 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
20 the Under Secretary for Rural Development to administer
21 programs under the laws enacted by the Congress for the
22 Rural Housing Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative
23 Service, and the Rural Utilities Service of the Department
24 of Agriculture, \$588,000.

1 RURAL COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

3 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and
4 grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 1926a, 1926c,
5 1926d, and 1932, except for sections 381E, 381G, 381H,
6 381N, and 381O of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
7 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 2009f), \$666,103,000, to remain
8 available until expended, of which \$34,387,000 shall be
9 for rural community programs described in section
10 381E(d)(1) of such Act; of which \$579,216,000 shall be
11 for the rural utilities programs described in sections
12 381E(d)(2), 306C(a)(2), and 306D of such Act; and of
13 which \$52,500,000 shall be for the rural business and co-
14 operative development programs described in sections
15 381E(d)(3) and 310B(f) of such Act: *Provided*, That of
16 the amount appropriated for rural community programs,
17 \$5,000,000 shall be made available for hazardous weather
18 early warning systems; and \$6,000,000 shall be available
19 for a Rural Community Development Initiative: *Provided*
20 *further*, That of the amount appropriated for the rural
21 business and cooperative development programs, not to ex-
22 ceed \$500,000 shall be made available for a grant to a
23 qualified national organization to provide technical assist-
24 ance for rural transportation in order to promote economic
25 development; and \$5,000,000 shall be made available for

1 partnership technical assistance grants to rural commu-
2 nities: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated
3 for rural utilities programs, not to exceed \$20,000,000
4 shall be for water and waste disposal systems to benefit
5 the Colonias along the United States/Mexico border, in-
6 cluding grants pursuant to section 306C of such Act; not
7 to exceed \$20,000,000 shall be for water and waste dis-
8 posal systems for rural and native villages in Alaska pur-
9 suant to section 306D of such Act; not to exceed
10 \$16,215,000 shall be for technical assistance grants for
11 rural waste systems pursuant to section 306(a)(14) of
12 such Act; and not to exceed \$5,300,000 shall be for con-
13 tracting with qualified national organizations for a circuit
14 rider program to provide technical assistance for rural
15 water systems: *Provided further*, That of the total amount
16 appropriated, not to exceed \$45,245,000 shall be available
17 through June 30, 2000, for empowerment zones and en-
18 terprise communities, as authorized by Public Law 103–
19 66, of which \$2,106,000 shall be for rural community pro-
20 grams described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated
21 Farm and Rural Development Act; of which \$34,704,000
22 shall be for the rural utilities programs described in sec-
23 tion 381E(d)(2) of such Act; of which \$8,435,000 shall
24 be for the rural business and cooperative development pro-
25 grams described in section 381E(d)(3) of such Act: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*, That any obligated and unobligated balances
 2 available from prior years for the “Rural Utilities Assist-
 3 ance Program” account shall be transferred to and
 4 merged with this account.

5 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

6 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
 9 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the
 10 Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the
 11 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$4,537,632,000
 12 for loans to section 502 borrowers, as determined by the
 13 Secretary, of which \$3,200,000,000 shall be for unsub-
 14 sidized guaranteed loans; \$32,400,000 for section 504
 15 housing repair loans; \$100,000,000 for section 538 guar-
 16 anteed multi-family housing loans; \$25,000,000 for sec-
 17 tion 514 farm labor housing; \$120,000,000 for section
 18 515 rental housing; \$5,152,000 for section 524 site loans;
 19 \$7,503,000 for credit sales of acquired property, of which
 20 up to \$1,250,000 may be for multi-family credit sales; and
 21 \$5,000,000 for section 523 self-help housing land develop-
 22 ment loans.

23 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
 24 the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of
 25 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section
 26 502 loans, \$133,620,000, of which \$19,520,000 shall be

1 for unsubsidized guaranteed loans; section 504 housing re-
2 pair loans, \$9,900,000; section 538 multi-family housing
3 guaranteed loans, \$480,000; section 514 farm labor hous-
4 ing, \$11,308,000; section 515 rental housing,
5 \$47,616,000; section 524 site loans, \$4,000; credit sales
6 of acquired property, \$874,000, of which up to \$494,250
7 may be for multi-family credit sales; and section 523 self-
8 help housing land development loans, \$281,000: *Provided*,
9 That of the total amount appropriated in this paragraph,
10 \$9,829,000 shall be for empowerment zones and enter-
11 prise communities, as authorized by Public Law 103–66,
12 empowerment zones as authorized by Section 951 of the
13 Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–34), enter-
14 prise communities as authorized by Division A, Title VII,
15 Section 766 of the Fiscal Year 1999 Omnibus Appropria-
16 tions Act (Public Law 105–277), and communities des-
17 ignated by the Secretary of Agriculture as Rural Economic
18 Area Partnership Zones: *Provided further*, That if such
19 funds are not obligated for empowerment zones and enter-
20 prise communities by June 30, 2000, they shall remain
21 available for other authorized purposes under this head.

22 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
23 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
24 \$377,879,000, which shall be transferred to and merged

1 with the appropriation for “Rural Housing Service, Sala-
2 ries and Expenses”.

3 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

4 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
5 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)
6 or agreements entered into in lieu of debt forgiveness or
7 payments for eligible households as authorized by section
8 502(c)(5)(D) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended,
9 \$583,400,000; and, in addition, such sums as may be nec-
10 essary, as authorized by section 521(c) of the Act, to liq-
11 uidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year 1992 to carry out
12 the rental assistance program under section 521(a)(2) of
13 the Act: *Provided*, That of this amount, not more than
14 \$5,900,000 shall be available for debt forgiveness or pay-
15 ments for eligible households as authorized by section
16 502(c)(5)(D) of the Act, and not to exceed \$10,000 per
17 project for advances to nonprofit organizations or public
18 agencies to cover direct costs (other than purchase price)
19 incurred in purchasing projects pursuant to section
20 502(c)(5)(C) of the Act: *Provided further*, That agree-
21 ments entered into or renewed during fiscal year 2000
22 shall be funded for a five-year period, although the life
23 of any such agreement may be extended to fully utilize
24 amounts obligated.

1 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

2 For grants and contracts pursuant to section
3 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
4 1490c), \$28,000,000, to remain available until expended
5 (7 U.S.C. 2209b): *Provided*, That of the total amount ap-
6 propriated, \$1,000,000 shall be for empowerment zones
7 and enterprise communities, as authorized by Public Law
8 103–66, empowerment zones as authorized by Section 951
9 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–34),
10 enterprise communities as authorized by Division A, Title
11 VII, Section 766 of the Fiscal Year 1999 Omnibus Appro-
12 priations Act (Public Law 105–277), and communities
13 designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as Rural Eco-
14 nomic Area Partnership Zones: *Provided further*, That if
15 such funds are not obligated for empowerment zones and
16 enterprise communities by June 30, 2000, they shall re-
17 main available for other authorized purposes under this
18 head.

19 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

20 For grants and contracts for housing for domestic
21 farm labor, very low-income housing repair, supervisory
22 and technical assistance, compensation for construction
23 defects, and rural housing preservation made by the Rural
24 Housing Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474,
25 1479(c), 1486, 1490e, and 1490m, \$50,000,000, to re-
26 main available until expended: *Provided*, That of the total

1 amount appropriated, \$3,250,000 shall be for empower-
2 ment zones and enterprise communities, as authorized by
3 Public Law 103–66, empowerment zones as authorized by
4 Section 951 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Public
5 Law 105–34), enterprise communities as authorized by
6 Division A, Title VII, Section 766 of the Fiscal Year 1999
7 Omnibus Appropriations Act (Public Law 105–277), and
8 communities designated by the Secretary of Agriculture
9 as Rural Economic Area Partnership Zones: *Provided fur-*
10 *ther*, That if such funds are not obligated for empower-
11 ment zones and enterprise communities by June 30, 2000,
12 they shall remain available for other authorized purposes
13 under this head.

14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For necessary expenses of the Rural Housing Service,
16 including administering the programs authorized by the
17 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, title V
18 of the Housing Act of 1949, and cooperative agreements,
19 \$61,979,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be
20 available for employment pursuant to the second sentence
21 of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
22 2225), and not to exceed \$520,000 may be used for em-
23 ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That the
24 Administrator may expend not more than \$10,000 to pro-
25 vide modest nonmonetary awards to non-USDA employ-
26 ees.

1 RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

2 RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For the cost of direct loans, \$22,799,000, as author-
5 ized by the Rural Development Loan Fund (42 U.S.C.
6 9812(a)): *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of
7 modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502
8 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided fur-*
9 *ther*, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obli-
10 gations for the principal amount of direct loans of
11 \$52,495,000: *Provided further*, That of the total amount
12 appropriated, \$4,343,000 shall be available for the cost
13 of direct loans for empowerment zones and enterprise
14 communities, as authorized by Public Law 103–66, em-
15 powerment zones as authorized by Section 951 of the Tax-
16 payer Relief Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–34), enterprise
17 communities as authorized by Division A, Title VII, Sec-
18 tion 766 of the Fiscal Year 1999 Omnibus Appropriations
19 Act (Public Law 105–277), and communities designated
20 by the Secretary of Agriculture as Rural Economic Area
21 Partnership Zones, to subsidize gross obligations for the
22 principal amount of direct loans, \$10,000,000: *Provided*
23 *further*, That if such funds are not obligated for empower-
24 ment zones and enterprise communities by June 30, 2000,
25 they shall remain available for other authorized purposes
26 under this head.

6 ACCOUNT

8 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
9 ized under section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act,
10 for the purpose of promoting rural economic development
11 and job creation projects, \$15,000,000.

15 Of the funds derived from interest on the cushion of
16 credit payments in fiscal year 2000, as authorized by sec-
17 tion 313 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936,
18 \$3,453,000 shall not be obligated and \$3,453,000 are re-
19 scinded.

For rural cooperative development grants authorized under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$6,000,000, of which \$1,500,000 shall be available for cooperative agreements for the appropriate technology transfer for rural

1 areas program and \$1,500,000 for cooperative research
2 agreements.

3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4 For necessary expenses of the Rural Business-Coop-
5 erative Service, including administering the programs au-
6 thorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
7 ment Act; section 1323 of the Food Security Act of 1985;
8 the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926; for activities re-
9 lating to the marketing aspects of cooperatives, including
10 economic research findings, as authorized by the Agricul-
11 tural Marketing Act of 1946; for activities with institu-
12 tions concerning the development and operation of agricul-
13 tural cooperatives; and for cooperative agreements;
14 \$24,612,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be
15 available for employment pursuant to the second sentence
16 of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
17 2225), and not to exceed \$260,000 may be used for em-
18 ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

19 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

20 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

21 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

23 Insured loans pursuant to the authority of section
24 305 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C.
25 935) shall be made as follows: 5 percent rural electrifica-

1 tion loans, \$121,500,000; 5 percent rural telecommuni-
 2 cations loans, \$75,000,000; cost of money rural tele-
 3 communications loans, \$300,000,000; municipal rate rural
 4 electric loans, \$295,000,000; and loans made pursuant to
 5 section 306 of that Act, rural electric, \$1,500,000,000 and
 6 rural telecommunications, \$120,000,000, to remain avail-
 7 able until expended.

8 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-
 9 gressional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modi-
 10 fying loans, of direct and guaranteed loans authorized by
 11 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 935 and
 12 936), as follows: cost of rural electric loans, \$11,922,000,
 13 and the cost of telecommunications loans, \$3,210,000:
 14 *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 305(d)(2) of the
 15 Rural Electrification Act of 1936, borrower interest rates
 16 may exceed 7 percent per year.

17 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
 18 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
 19 \$31,046,000, which shall be transferred to and merged
 20 with the appropriation for “Rural Utilities Service, Sala-
 21 ries and Expenses”.

22 RURAL TELEPHONE BANK PROGRAM ACCOUNT
 23 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

24 The Rural Telephone Bank is hereby authorized to
 25 make such expenditures, within the limits of funds avail-

1 able to such corporation in accord with law, and to make
2 such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal
3 year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Govern-
4 ment Corporation Control Act, as may be necessary in car-
5 rying out its authorized programs. During fiscal year 2000
6 and within the resources and authority available, gross ob-
7 ligations for the principal amount of direct loans shall be
8 \$175,000,000.

9 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-
10 gressional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modi-
11 fying loans, of direct loans authorized by the Rural Elec-
12 trification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 935), \$3,290,000.

13 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
14 carry out the loan programs, \$3,000,000, which shall be
15 transferred to and merged with the appropriation for
16 “Rural Utilities Service, Salaries and Expenses”.

17 DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM

18 For the cost of direct loans and grants, as authorized
19 by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa et seq., \$16,700,000, to remain avail-
20 able until expended, to be available for loans and grants
21 for telemedicine and distance learning services in rural
22 areas: *Provided*, That the costs of direct loans shall be
23 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
24 of 1974.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Rural Utilities Service, including administering the programs authorized by the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, and the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, and for cooperative agreements, \$34,107,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$105,000 may be used for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

TITLE IV

DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,
NUTRITION AND CONSUMER SERVICES

For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for the Food and Nutrition Service, \$554,000.

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses to carry out the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and 21; \$9,547,028,000, to

1 remain available through September 30, 2001, of which
 2 \$4,611,829,000 is hereby appropriated and
 3 \$4,935,199,000 shall be derived by transfer from funds
 4 available under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935
 5 (7 U.S.C. 612c): *Provided*, That none of the funds made
 6 available under this heading shall be used for studies and
 7 evaluations: *Provided further*, That up to \$4,363,000 shall
 8 be available for independent verification of school food
 9 service claims: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
 10 under this heading shall be available unless the value of
 11 bonus commodities provided under section 32 of the Act
 12 of August 24, 1935 (49 Stat. 774, chapter 641; 7 U.S.C.
 13 612c), and section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949
 14 (7 U.S.C. 1431) is included in meeting the minimum com-
 15 modity assistance requirement of section 6(g) of the
 16 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(g)).

17 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR
 18 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

19 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-
 20 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17
 21 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),
 22 \$4,005,000,000, to remain available through September
 23 30, 2001: *Provided*, That none of the funds made available
 24 under this heading shall be used for studies and evalua-
 25 tions: *Provided further*, That of the total amount available,
 26 the Secretary shall obligate \$10,000,000 for the farmers'

1 market nutrition program within 45 days of the enactment
2 of this Act, and an additional \$5,000,000 for the farmers'
3 market nutrition program from any funds not needed to
4 maintain current caseload levels: *Provided further*, That
5 none of the funds in this Act shall be available to pay
6 administrative expenses of WIC clinics except those that
7 have an announced policy of prohibiting smoking within
8 the space used to carry out the program: *Provided further*,
9 That none of the funds provided in this account shall be
10 available for the purchase of infant formula except in ac-
11 cordance with the cost containment and competitive bid-
12 ding requirements specified in section 17 of the Child Nu-
13 trition Act of 1966.

14 FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food Stamp
16 Act (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), \$21,577,444,000, of which
17 \$100,000,000 shall be placed in reserve for use only in
18 such amounts and at such times as may become necessary
19 to carry out program operations: *Provided*, That none of
20 the funds made available under this head shall be used
21 for studies and evaluations: *Provided further*, That funds
22 provided herein shall be expended in accordance with sec-
23 tion 16 of the Food Stamp Act: *Provided further*, That
24 this appropriation shall be subject to any work registration
25 or workfare requirements as may be required by law: *Pro-*
26 *vided further*, That funds made available for Employment

1 and Training under this head shall remain available until
2 expended, as authorized by section 16(h)(1) of the Food
3 Stamp Act.

4 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

5 For necessary expenses to carry out the commodity
6 supplemental food program as authorized by section 4(a)
7 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973
8 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) and the Emergency Food Assistance
9 Act of 1983, \$141,000,000, to remain available through
10 September 30, 2001: *Provided*, That none of these funds
11 shall be available to reimburse the Commodity Credit Cor-
12 poration for commodities donated to the program.

13 FOOD DONATIONS PROGRAMS

14 For necessary expenses to carry out section 4(a) of
15 the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7
16 U.S.C. 612c note); special assistance for the nuclear af-
17 fected islands as authorized by section 103(h)(2) of the
18 Compacts of Free Association Act of 1985, as amended;
19 and section 311 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
20 U.S.C. 3030a), \$141,081,000, to remain available through
21 September 30, 2001.

22 FOOD PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

23 For necessary administrative expenses of the domes-
24 tic food programs funded under this Act, \$108,561,000,
25 of which \$5,000,000 shall be available only for simplifying
26 procedures, reducing overhead costs, tightening regula-

1 tions, improving food stamp coupon handling, and assist-
 2 ance in the prevention, identification, and prosecution of
 3 fraud and other violations of law: *Provided*, That this ap-
 4 propriation shall be available for employment pursuant to
 5 the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act
 6 of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$150,000 shall
 7 be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

8 TITLE V

9 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED

10 PROGRAMS

11 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SALES

12 MANAGER

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural
 15 Service, including carrying out title VI of the Agricultural
 16 Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1761–1768), market development
 17 activities abroad, and for enabling the Secretary to coordi-
 18 nate and integrate activities of the Department in connec-
 19 tion with foreign agricultural work, including not to exceed
 20 \$128,000 for representation allowances and for expenses
 21 pursuant to section 8 of the Act approved August 3, 1956
 22 (7 U.S.C. 1766), \$137,768,000: *Provided*, That the Serv-
 23 ice may utilize advances of funds, or reimburse this appro-
 24 priation for expenditures made on behalf of Federal agen-
 25 cies, public and private organizations and institutions

1 under agreements executed pursuant to the agricultural
2 food production assistance programs (7 U.S.C. 1736) and
3 the foreign assistance programs of the United States
4 Agency for International Development.

5 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall
6 be available to promote the sale or export of tobacco or
7 tobacco products.

8 PUBLIC LAW 480 PROGRAM ACCOUNT

9 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-
10 gressional Budget Act of 1974, of Public Law 83–480 title
11 I credit agreements, including the cost of modifying credit
12 arrangements under said Act, \$165,400,000, to remain
13 available until expended.

14 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
15 such title I credit program, and the Food for Progress
16 Act of 1985, as amended, to the extent funds appropriated
17 for Public Law 83–480 are utilized, \$1,938,000, of which
18 not to exceed \$1,093,000 may be transferred to and
19 merged with “Salaries and Expenses”, Foreign Agricul-
20 tural Service, and of which not to exceed \$845,000 may
21 be transferred to and merged with “Salaries and Ex-
22 penses”, Farm Service Agency (7 U.S.C. 1691, 1701–04,
23 1731–36g–3, 2209b).

PUBLIC LAW 480 TITLE I OCEAN FREIGHT

DIFFERENTIAL GRANTS

For expenses during the current fiscal year, not otherwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, including interest thereon under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, \$14,000,000, to remain available until expended for ocean freight differential costs for the shipment of agricultural commodities pursuant to title I of said Act, including Food for Progress programs as authorized by the Food for Progress Act of 1985, as amended: *Provided*, That funds made available for the cost of title I agreements and for title I ocean freight differential may be used interchangeably between the two accounts (7 U.S.C. 1701b, 2209b).

PUBLIC LAW 480 GRANTS—TITLES II AND III

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For expenses during the current fiscal year, not otherwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, including interest thereon, under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, \$837,000,000 for commodities supplied in connection with dispositions abroad pursuant to title II of said Act: *Provided*, That sums made available to carry out title II or title III of said Act shall remain available until September

3 Of the funds made available by this Act to carry out
4 the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act
5 of 1954, not to exceed 15 percent of the funds made avail-
6 able to carry out any title of said Act may be used to
7 carry out any other title of said Act.

8 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT LOANS
9 PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For administrative expenses to carry out the Commodity Credit Corporation's export guarantee program, GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$4,085,000; to cover common overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, of which \$3,413,000 may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Foreign Agricultural Service and General Sales Manager" and \$672,000 may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses".

1 TITLE VI
2 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND
3 RELATED AGENCIES
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
5 SERVICES

6 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Ad-
9 ministration, including hire and purchase of passenger
10 motor vehicles; for payment of space rental and related
11 costs pursuant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and
12 activities of the Food and Drug Administration which are
13 included in this Act; for rental of special purpose space
14 in the District of Columbia or elsewhere; and for miscella-
15 neous and emergency expenses of enforcement activities,
16 authorized and approved by the Secretary and to be ac-
17 counted for solely on the Secretary’s certificate, not to ex-
18 ceed \$25,000; \$1,218,384,000, of which not to exceed
19 \$145,434,000 in prescription drug user fees authorized by
20 21 U.S.C. 379(h) may be credited to this appropriation
21 and remain available until expended: *Provided*, That no
22 more than \$100,180,000 shall be for payments to the Gen-
23 eral Services Administration for rent and related costs.

1 In addition, mammography user fees authorized by
2 42 U.S.C. 263(b) may be credited to this account, to re-
3 main available until expended.

4 In addition, export certification user fees authorized
5 by 21 U.S.C. 381 may be credited to this account, to re-
6 main available until expended.

7 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

8 For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-
9 sion, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facili-
10 ties of or used by the Food and Drug Administration,
11 where not otherwise provided, \$31,750,000, to remain
12 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b).

13 INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

14 COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
16 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), in-
17 cluding the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles;
18 the rental of space (to include multiple year leases) in the
19 District of Columbia and elsewhere; and not to exceed
20 \$25,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109,
21 \$65,000,000, including not to exceed \$2,000 for official
22 reception and representation expenses: *Provided*, That the
23 Commission is authorized to charge reasonable fees to
24 attendees of Commission sponsored educational events and
25 symposia to cover the Commission's costs of providing
26 those events and symposia, and notwithstanding 31 U.S.C.

1 3302, said fees shall be credited to this account, to be
2 available without further appropriation.

3 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

4 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

5 Not to exceed \$35,800,000 (from assessments col-
6 lected from farm credit institutions and from the Federal
7 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated
8 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses
9 as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: *Provided*, That this
10 limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re-
11 ceiverships.

12 TITLE VII—GENERAL PROVISIONS

13 SEC. 701. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law,
14 appropriations and authorizations made for the Depart-
15 ment of Agriculture for the fiscal year 2000 under this
16 Act shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those
17 specifically provided for, of not to exceed 365 passenger
18 motor vehicles, of which 361 shall be for replacement only,
19 and for the hire of such vehicles.

20 SEC. 702. Funds in this Act available to the Depart-
21 ment of Agriculture shall be available for uniforms or al-
22 lowances therefor as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–
23 5902).

24 SEC. 703. Not less than \$1,500,000 of the appropria-
25 tions of the Department of Agriculture in this Act for re-

1 search and service work authorized by the Acts of August
2 14, 1946, and July 28, 1954 (7 U.S.C. 427 and 1621–
3 1629), and by chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code,
4 shall be available for contracting in accordance with said
5 Acts and chapter.

6 SEC. 704. The cumulative total of transfers to the
7 Working Capital Fund for the purpose of accumulating
8 growth capital for data services and National Finance
9 Center operations shall not exceed \$2,000,000: *Provided*,
10 That no funds in this Act appropriated to an agency of
11 the Department shall be transferred to the Working Cap-
12 ital Fund without the approval of the agency adminis-
13 trator.

14 SEC. 705. New obligational authority provided for the
15 following appropriation items in this Act shall remain
16 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): Animal and
17 Plant Health Inspection Service, the contingency fund to
18 meet emergency conditions, fruit fly program, integrated
19 systems acquisition project, boll weevil program, up to 10
20 percent of the screwworm program, and up to \$2,000,000
21 for costs associated with collocating regional offices; Farm
22 Service Agency, salaries and expenses funds made avail-
23 able to county committees; and Foreign Agricultural Serv-
24 ice, middle-income country training program.

1 New obligational authority for the Food Safety and
2 Inspection Service, field automation and information man-
3 agement project; funds appropriated for rental payments;
4 funds for the Native American Institutions Endowment
5 Fund in the Cooperative State Research, Education, and
6 Extension Service; and funds for the competitive research
7 grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)), shall remain available until ex-
8 pended.

9 SEC. 706. No part of any appropriation contained in
10 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the
11 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

12 SEC. 707. Not to exceed \$50,000 of the appropria-
13 tions available to the Department of Agriculture in this
14 Act shall be available to provide appropriate orientation
15 and language training pursuant to Public Law 94-449.

16 SEC. 708. No funds appropriated by this Act may be
17 used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative
18 agreements or similar arrangements between the United
19 States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-
20 tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of
21 the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative ar-
22 rangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest
23 between the two parties. This does not preclude appro-
24 priate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts
25 with such institutions when such indirect costs are com-

1 puted on a similar basis for all agencies for which appro-
2 priations are provided in this Act.

3 SEC. 709. Notwithstanding any other provision of
4 this Act, commodities acquired by the Department in con-
5 nection with Commodity Credit Corporation and section
6 32 price support operations may be used, as authorized
7 by law (15 U.S.C. 714c and 7 U.S.C. 612c), to provide
8 commodities to individuals in cases of hardship as deter-
9 mined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

10 SEC. 710. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
11 able to restrict the authority of the Commodity Credit
12 Corporation to lease space for its own use or to lease space
13 on behalf of other agencies of the Department of Agri-
14 culture when such space will be jointly occupied.

15 SEC. 711. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
16 able to pay indirect costs charged against agricultural re-
17 search, education, or extension grant awards issued by the
18 Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension
19 Service that exceed 19 percent of total Federal funds pro-
20 vided under each award: *Provided*, That notwithstanding
21 section 1462 of the National Agricultural Research, Ex-
22 tension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3310),
23 funds provided by this Act for grants awarded competi-
24 tively by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and
25 Extension Service shall be available to pay full allowable

1 indirect costs for each grant awarded under the Small
2 Business Innovation Development Act of 1982, Public
3 Law 97–219 (15 U.S.C. 638).

4 SEC. 712. Notwithstanding any other provision of
5 this Act, all loan levels provided in this Act shall be consid-
6 ered estimates, not limitations.

7 SEC. 713. Appropriations for the Rural Housing In-
8 surance Fund Program Account for the cost of direct and
9 guaranteed loans made available in fiscal years 1994,
10 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999 shall remain available
11 until expended to cover obligations made in each of those
12 fiscal years respectively in accordance with 31 U.S.C.
13 1557.

14 SEC. 714. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-
15 culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made
16 available in fiscal year 2000 shall remain available until
17 expended to cover obligations made in fiscal year 2000 for
18 the following accounts: the rural development loan fund
19 program account; the Rural Telephone Bank program ac-
20 count; the rural electrification and telecommunications
21 loans program account; the Rural Housing Insurance
22 Fund Program Account; and the rural economic develop-
23 ment loans program account.

1 SEC. 715. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
2 year 2000 pay raises for programs funded by this Act shall
3 be absorbed within the levels appropriated by this Act.

4 SEC. 716. Notwithstanding the Federal Grant and
5 Cooperative Agreement Act, marketing services of the Ag-
6 ricultural Marketing Service; Grain Inspection, Packers
7 and Stockyards Administration; the Animal and Plant
8 Health Inspection Service; and the food safety activities
9 of the Food Safety and Inspection Service may use cooper-
10 ative agreements to reflect a relationship between the Ag-
11 ricultural Marketing Service, the Grain Inspection, Pack-
12 ers and Stockyards Administration, the Animal and Plant
13 Health Inspection Service, or the Food Safety and Inspec-
14 tion Service and a State or Cooperator to carry out agri-
15 cultural marketing programs, to carry out programs to
16 protect the Nation's animal and plant resources, or to
17 carry out educational programs or special studies to im-
18 prove the safety of the Nation's food supply.

19 SEC. 717. Notwithstanding the Federal Grant and
20 Cooperative Agreement Act, the Natural Resources Con-
21 servation Service may enter into contracts, grants, or co-
22 operative agreements with a State agency or subdivision,
23 or a public or private organization, for the acquisition of
24 goods or services, including personal services, to carry out
25 natural resources conservation activities: *Provided*, That

1 Commodity Credit Corporation funds obligated for such
2 purposes shall not exceed the level obligated by the Com-
3 modity Credit Corporation for such purposes in fiscal year
4 1998.

5 SEC. 718. None of the funds in this Act may be used
6 to retire more than 5 percent of the Class A stock of the
7 Rural Telephone Bank or to maintain any account or sub-
8 account within the accounting records of the Rural Tele-
9 phone Bank the creation of which has not specifically been
10 authorized by statute: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any
11 other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or
12 otherwise made available in this Act may be used to trans-
13 fer to the Treasury or to the Federal Financing Bank any
14 unobligated balance of the Rural Telephone Bank tele-
15 phone liquidating account which is in excess of current
16 requirements and such balance shall receive interest as set
17 forth for financial accounts in section 505(c) of the Fed-
18 eral Credit Reform Act of 1990.

19 SEC. 719. Of the funds made available by this Act,
20 not more than \$1,800,000 shall be used to cover necessary
21 expenses of activities related to all advisory committees,
22 panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department
23 of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with nego-
24 tiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competi-
25 tively awarded grants: *Provided*, That interagency funding

1 is authorized to carry out the purposes of the National
2 Drought Policy Commission.

3 SEC. 720. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
4 may be used to carry out the provisions of section 918
5 of Public Law 104–127, the Federal Agriculture Improve-
6 ment and Reform Act.

7 SEC. 721. No employee of the Department of Agri-
8 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or
9 office funded by this Act to any other agency or office
10 of the Department for more than 30 days unless the indi-
11 vidual’s employing agency or office is fully reimbursed by
12 the receiving agency or office for the salary and expenses
13 of the employee for the period of assignment.

14 SEC. 722. None of the funds appropriated or other-
15 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture
16 shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available to
17 any non-Department of Agriculture employee questions or
18 responses to questions that are a result of information re-
19 quested for the appropriations hearing process.

20 SEC. 723. None of the funds made available to the
21 Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to ac-
22 quire new information technology systems or significant
23 upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Infor-
24 mation Officer, without the approval of the Chief Informa-
25 tion Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Informa-

1 tion Technology Investment Review Board: *Provided*, That
2 notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the
3 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this
4 Act may be transferred to the Office of the Chief Informa-
5 tion Officer without the prior approval of the Committee
6 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

7 SEC. 724. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act,
8 or provided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agen-
9 cies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation
10 or expenditure in fiscal year 2000, or provided from any
11 accounts in the Treasury of the United States derived by
12 the collection of fees available to the agencies funded by
13 this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure
14 through a reprogramming of funds which: (1) creates new
15 programs; (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;
16 (3) increases funds or personnel by any means for any
17 project or activity for which funds have been denied or
18 restricted; (4) relocates an office or employees; (5) reorga-
19 nizes offices, programs, or activities; or (6) contracts out
20 or privatizes any functions or activities presently per-
21 formed by Federal employees; unless the Committee on
22 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress are notified
23 fifteen days in advance of such reprogramming of funds.

24 (b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-
25 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies

1 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or
2 expenditure in fiscal year 2000, or provided from any ac-
3 counts in the Treasury of the United States derived by
4 the collection of fees available to the agencies funded by
5 this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure
6 for activities, programs, or projects through a reprogram-
7 ming of funds in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, which-
8 ever is less, that: (1) augments existing programs,
9 projects, or activities; (2) reduces by 10 percent funding
10 for any existing program, project, or activity, or numbers
11 of personnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or
12 (3) results from any general savings from a reduction in
13 personnel which would result in a change in existing pro-
14 grams, activities, or projects as approved by Congress; un-
15 less the Committee on Appropriations of both Houses of
16 Congress are notified fifteen days in advance of such re-
17 programming of funds.

18 SEC. 725. None of the funds appropriated or other-
19 wise made available by this Act or any other Act may be
20 used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to carry
21 out the Fund for Rural America Program, authorized by
22 section 793 of Public Law 104–127, with the exception
23 of funds made available under that section on January 1,
24 1997.

1 SEC. 726. None of the funds appropriated or other-
2 wise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the
3 salaries and expenses of personnel who carry out an envi-
4 ronmental quality incentives program authorized by sec-
5 tions 334–341 of Public Law 104–127 in excess of
6 \$174,000,000.

7 SEC. 727. None of the funds appropriated or other-
8 wise available to the Department of Agriculture may be
9 used to administer the provision of contract payments to
10 a producer under the Agricultural Market Transition Act
11 (7 U.S.C. 7201 et seq.) for contract acreage on which wild
12 rice is planted unless the contract payment is reduced by
13 an acre for each contract acre planted to wild rice.

14 SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or other-
15 wise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the
16 salaries and expenses of personnel to enroll in excess of
17 120,000 acres in the fiscal year 2000 wetlands reserve
18 program as authorized by 16 U.S.C. 3837.

19 SEC. 729. None of the funds appropriated or other-
20 wise made available by this or any other Act shall be used
21 to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out
22 the provisions of section 401 of Public Law 105–185, the
23 Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems.

24 SEC. 730. Notwithstanding section 381A of the Con-
25 solidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.

1 2009), the definitions of rural areas for certain business
2 programs administered by the Rural Business-Cooperative
3 Service and the community facilities programs adminis-
4 tered by the Rural Housing Service shall be those provided
5 for in statute and regulations prior to the enactment of
6 Public Law 104–127.

7 SEC. 731. None of the funds appropriated or other-
8 wise made available by this Act shall be used to carry out
9 any commodity purchase program that would prohibit eli-
10 gibility or participation by farmer-owned cooperatives.

11 SEC. 732. None of the funds appropriated or other-
12 wise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the
13 salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out a conserva-
14 tion farm option program, as authorized by section 335
15 of Public Law 104–127.

16 SEC. 733. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
17 or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and
18 expenses of personnel who prepare or submit appropria-
19 tions language as part of the President’s Budget submis-
20 sion to the Congress of the United States for programs
21 under the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Subcommit-
22 tees on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related
23 Agencies that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction
24 from the previous year due to user fees proposals that
25 have not been enacted into law prior to the submission

1 of the Budget unless such Budget submission identifies
2 which additional spending reductions should occur in the
3 event the user fees proposals are not enacted prior to the
4 date of the convening of a committee of conference for
5 the fiscal year 2001 appropriations Act.

6 SEC. 734. None of the funds appropriated or other-
7 wise made available by this Act shall be used to establish
8 an Office of Community Food Security or any similar of-
9 fice within the United States Department of Agriculture
10 without the prior approval of the Committee on Appro-
11 priations of both Houses of Congress.

12 SEC. 735. None of the funds appropriated or other-
13 wise made available by this or any other Act may be used
14 to carry out the provisions of section 612 of Public Law
15 105–185, the National Swine Research Center.

16 SEC. 736. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
17 erwise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the
18 salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out the emer-
19 gency food assistance program authorized by section 27(a)
20 of the Food Stamp Act (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)) if such pro-
21 gram exceeds \$99,000,000.

22 (b) In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated or
23 made available by this Act, \$1,000,000 is appropriated for
24 the purpose of providing Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland
25 Hunger Fellowships through the Congressional Hunger

1 Center, which is an organization described in subsection
2 (c)(3) of section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
3 and is exempt from taxation under subsection (a) of such
4 section.

5 SEC. 737. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
6 shall be used to propose or issue rules, regulations, de-
7 crees, or orders for the purpose of implementation, or in
8 preparation for implementation of the Kyoto Protocol
9 which was adopted on December 11, 1997, in Kyoto,
10 Japan.

11 This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural De-
12 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
13 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000”.

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